

ENGLISH NEUTRALITY.

Lord Granville's Reply to Count Bernstorff. Lord Granville, in his reply, dated October 21, to Count Bernstorff's last despatch on neutral obligations, thus states the policy of the British Government:

"From the date of the outbreak of the war the Cabinet has never hesitated as to the course which should be pursued. The views of the House of Commons were clearly manifested when, on the 4th of August, an amendment, by which it was proposed to insert in the Foreign Enlistment Act, then under discussion, a clause prohibiting the exportation to belligerents of arms or munitions of war was rejected by a large majority; and the same opinions were shown to be held by the House of Lords in the debate of August 8, on the same bill, in which the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Cairns took part. I myself, in answer to a question addressed to me in the House of Lords by the Marquis of Clanricarde on the 22d of July, went so far as to express some doubts whether a policy of prohibition was advisable even in self-defense; and in the constant conversations on the subject which I have had with your Excellency since the commencement of the war, I have invariably explained to you that the new Foreign Enlistment act neither diminished nor added to the powers of the Government as regarded the exportation of munitions of war, and that it was our intention to adhere, on that point, to the usual practice of this country, which practice we believe to be in conformity with the established principles of public law."

"Then, after reminding the Count that his former 'series of irrefragable facts,' as he called them, and which he had shown to be quite unfounded, Lord Granville proceeded to demolish two fresh accusations. Count Palikao's statement, as reported in the Journal Officiel, was merely that arms had been ordered a stranger, not in England; no trace can be discovered of the order ever having been received in this country, and it is certain that if it was received it was not executed. Again, full returns show that the supplies of arms drawn by France from this country between the two specified dates are less than those drawn by her from the United States, whence no exports have been made approaching the figures mentioned by his Excellency. This reference to the United States suggests an expression of surprise that a monopoly of the arms trade had been reserved for us, while the exports from the United States, and the positive assertion of the President of the privileges of neutrals had elicited no remark from the North German Government. In regard to a complaint of the sale in the Hyppatis and Norsman to the French Government to be used as store-ships, Lord Granville points out that in both cases the vessels were despatched from England before the Foreign Enlistment act of 1870 came into operation; consequently the owners, who were not liable to penalties under the previous Enlistment act, could not be successfully prosecuted under the provisions of the new act. Moreover, the actual sale was effected at Cherbourg, and the vessels were then handed over to the purchasers before the passing of the new act. Two cases are mentioned in the Times, one in 1825 and the other in 1848, when the export of arms was prohibited by our Government, and met by the answer that the interference then exercised was in fulfillment of special treaty obligations with Denmark and Spain. In conclusion, Lord Granville congratulates his Excellency on having withdrawn from the untenable doctrine of 'benevolent neutrality;' for though 'good offices may be benevolent, neutrality, like arbitration, cannot be so;' and, repudiating all jealousy of German unity, repeats his assurance of the friendly and sympathetic feelings of this country towards Germany."

FALLEN METZ.

Incidents of the Capitulation—The Prince's Interview with General Changarnier. A German officer, writing from Metz, thus relates the opening of the negotiations for a surrender:—"On the evening of the 24th a letter arrived at headquarters from Bazaine, requesting an interview for General Changarnier on the morrow. Prince Frederick Charles granted this, and arranged that the General should be met by two orderlies, near the outposts, at 11 A. M. They, however, did not find him. The ground, 2000 paces in breadth, between our outposts and the enemy was thronged with unarmed French people, who had come within 100 steps of our lines in order to hunt for potatoes, grapes, and forage; this went on all the morning. The French took off their hats to our outposts, pointed to their stomachs, and made gestures indicative of hunger. Our soldiers then winked, the French began their tasks and turned back when they had filled their sacks. The soldiers had, through this, become so audacious that we were yesterday (24th) forced to drive them with sticks out of a village which they had occupied and would not vacate. As the General did not come our orderlies took a flag of truce, and went, surrounded by hundreds of unarmed enemies, up to the French trenches, where the guard received them. On their saying they expected the General, an approaching carriage was pointed out to them. Changarnier, a venerable man of about eighty, but tolerably active, begged that he might ride as far as possible, as he could not walk far. Our officers sent for the carriage, and it came so close up that the General had only to climb over a small trench. Changarnier is a republican, but offered his services to the Emperor after the battle of Woerth, and since the 8th of August had been in Metz, where he was attached to Bazaine, without having any separate command. He was blindfolded, and on his arrival here was received by General Stiehl and conducted to the Prince. The interview lasted an hour and a half, and he was accompanied as far as the carriage. The General was heart-broken, and his last words were:—'We shall fall, but with honor. I wish, gentlemen, that neither you nor any brave soldier may ever experience this.' Thereupon a flood of tears streamed from his eyes. He was led back blindfolded past the outposts. There, the handkerchief being removed, he observed the potato-seekers, and delivered an eulogium on our soldiers. He added that he hoped the negotiations in the evening would lead to some result. The rendezvous arranged with the Prince was held at the Chateau Frescati. A French general of division and General Stiehl met. We fixed our conditions on the basis of the capitulation of Sedan and Strasbourg. The French General was at first very angry, but ultimately took them back with him to Metz."

CALAMITY IN EGYPT.

Terrible Explosion of Gun Cotton—Loss of Fifty Lives. Alexandria (Correspondence 29). Cor. London Echo. On Sunday last, at about 4 o'clock in the morning, the inhabitants of this town were awakened by a shock, which everybody at once declared to be the shock of an earthquake, but which was really the effect of the explosion of a

magazine, in which had been stored a number of cases filled with gun cotton that had only lately arrived from Trieste. The Austrian manufacturers had warned the authorities here that this cotton would have to be turned daily, as it was liable to spontaneous ignition; but this, in all likelihood, was soon forgotten, and the result is the catastrophe which has just occurred. The magazine was situated in the quarter of the town called Kom-el-Dyck (The Cock's Hill), a calcareous rock, where stood in olden times a theatre, and which until lately was covered with Arab huts, but where European and Syrian, having discovered the salubrity of the spot, had built houses and villas with gardens. A great number of these are now either destroyed or more or less injured, as the huge stones with which the magazine had been built had been sent with a lateral force against the houses, and bombarded them, in some cases completely destroying them, in other cases going through several walls and doing little harm. The house of Mr. Wilson, an English resident, was completely destroyed, yet though the rooms were filled with stones, he and his family were not injured—a wonderful escape indeed. Beyond the destruction of the houses in the immediate quarter, no greater mischief was done to property than the breaking of windows in nearly all the houses situated within a quarter of a mile of the magazine, but the loss of life occasioned by the accident, arising from carelessness, is very great. It is true that the official account gives the number as fifty; it is true that most of them were "only Arabs," but I believe the number is very far below the true one, and I also believe that the lives of these "only Arabs" were valuable. But no one would be likely to think so who saw the few soldiers at work that were sent to dig for the buried bodies. It was a horrible sight. They take from the side of a heap some of the stones and rubbish, and put it on the top of the very same heap they are working at, until they discover some part of a body. They then get hold of it as best they can, and hold it up at the same time in their horrible monotonous manner. Here bent forth the body of a woman, which, having been lying compressed by the stones, expands in each part as it comes forth; then they expose another body—is it a man or a woman? bystanders cannot tell. The work went on during the forenoon. In the afternoon nothing was done. Next morning I expected to find, at all events, those places cleared where it was likely that bodies were still lying; but no, I only found about 600 soldiers employed in filling up the gap made by the explosion where the magazine stood, carrying the stones and raking the earth down with their hands, while the Arabs, who were still in search of relatives, were also digging in the same manner, where yesterday morning had stood their poor dwellings. The excitement here is very great, everybody blaming the Government for storing such an explosive material in the midst of a thickly-populated quarter.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS.

Details of the Recent Disturbances at Damascus. In a letter to the London Times Mr. E. H. Palmer and Mr. C. F. Tyrwhitt, Drake agents, the following particulars of some recent disturbances at Damascus:—"The massacre of Christians at Damascus, ten years ago, created an excitement over the whole of Europe, but with Tien-tsin and Sedan to engross the public attention such a trifle as a fresh outbreak in Syria has been quite overlooked. The events to which we allude occurred shortly after we had left the country, but we have received full details from both native Christian and Mohammedan correspondents in Syria. On the 26th of August it was rumored in Damascus that a certain number of the Franks by the Muslim inhabitants was contemplated, and affairs actually assumed so serious an aspect that most of the Christians precipitately fled from the town. Open menaces were uttered, the fanatical part of the population became clamorous and excitedly bent on mischief, and, indeed, the danger seemed imminent since the authorities took no steps to suppress the popular agitation, when, thanks to the energetic conduct of her Britannic Majesty's Consul, upon whom the management of the affairs devolved, as the other European representatives retired from the scene of action—who seems to have himself addressed the Turkish soldiery and insisted on proper steps being taken by the Government, the riots were quelled and a most serious calamity averted. One of the causes which appears most to have excited the fanaticism of the mob was the presence, in the streets of Damascus, of crosses chalked up on the most conspicuous places."

MYSTERIOUS PEOPLE.

Every one has now and then encountered in society people who have no apparent property, real or personal, yet who seem to have all the comforts and luxuries which wealth procures, without making any of those exertions which procure wealth. They are generally very pleasant companionable people who have been everywhere and seen everything. They know everybody, and everybody knows them—to a certain point. The father drives a neat two-in-hand, the wife and daughters dress elegantly, and the son's pocket-money is the allowance of a prince imperial. They have the best rooms in the most fashionable hotel, or, if they keep house, their menage is unexceptionable. They have the most premature lamb and the earliest pees, the handsomest land and the choicest estates. In short, they are rich on all the sides and in all the lines of life. But how do they manage to do it? The Dore, you say, are charming people; the Dories are well-bred and bright, and Dore senior is truly, not to say distinguished; but what is the trade, business, profession of Dore senior? what does he do for a living? He is evidently immensely wealthy, but it is just as evident that he is not worth a cent. Nobody can find out that he owns a square inch of real estate or a dollar's worth of any kind of stock—petroleum or other. He is not a speculator, that is certain. Is he a gambler? His habits and associates are beyond reproach. Is he (and this should be put in the smallest diamond type, like the whispers in Charles Reade's novels) a counterfeiter? The suspicion dies of its own folly. If he were a foreigner one might suppose him to be an eccentric nobleman examining the social institutions of our country; but unfortunately for so flattering an hypothesis he is American born and bred. There are just two things known about him, the rest is mystery. The two things are, first, that he has no visible means of support; and secondly, that he lives like

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We have all met in our larger cities with such people as the Dore family, and have

received from them a vague impression that there is a royal road to soft living entirely disconnected with hard work, frugality, and the petty annoyances which enter into a successful struggle for a competency. We have bled these people, and wondered, they and times while we were wondering, they and their gorgeousness have disappeared—like the enchanted things in a fairy tale—leaving naught behind except some unpaid bills. But this has only heightened the mystery and splendor of the phenomenon.—Every Saturday.

Frightful Slender of Victims.

From the Auckland (New Zealand) Herald, Oct. 6. We are sorry to have to report another slaughter of natives. It will be remembered that in 1866 Cakobau conquered the districts of Vugalei and Viria, which had for some time been in rebellion against him. During the war Cakobau requested the chief of Motalobau to secure Mualou, a chief of Soloiira, and bring him a prisoner to the Bat camp. This chief of Motalobau did, probably expecting that Mualou would be taken on to Bat, and not allowed to return to the mountains. Such, however, was not Cakobau's intention. After giving Mualou a good talking to he ordered his release, telling him to go back to his home among the mountains and live in peace among his own people. No sooner had Mualou got to his own town, and among his own people, than he expressed his determination to be avenged on the Motalobau chief by eating him. This determination he has several times repeated, but he has not till now openly declared war against the Motalobau people. A short time ago a Soloiira woman fled to a Motalobau town, where she was sheltered, and this has been made the pretext for a war in which the tribes of Soloiira and Motalobau are engaged. As soon as war was declared a Soloiira town called Nakorobalavu joined the Motalobau people, and this is the town in which the slaughter we now report took place. At midday on Friday, the 12th of August, when the men were all in their gardens, a large war party from Navosa and Dawaran entered the town of Nakorobalavu by five different paths, took the people by surprise, and killed, it is said, all in the town. The men, who were on their planting-ground, hearing the firing, rushed to the rescue of their wives and children, but finding there was no hope for them against such a large attacking party, they soon turned and fled, hoping to reach some friendly town; but in this they were disappointed, as they were met on the way by the people of Navosa, who killed every one they found, whether man, woman, or child. It is said that 200 were slain, and as at present only ten of the Nakorobalavu people are known to be alive, there is reason to fear that if not 200, a very large number have fallen.

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